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R 311013Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4503  
INFO CINCUSNAVEUR  
COMIDEASTFOR  
USCINCEUR  
AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1812

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, SU, US  
SUBJECT: SMALL SCALE BILATERAL EXERCISES

REF: A) CMEF 250900Z MAY 77 (NOTAL)  
B) CINCUSNAVEUR 251228Z MAY 77 (NOTAL)

1. CMEF HAS SUGGESTED SMALL SCALE BILATERAL EXERCISE WITH SUDAN NAVY, AND IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO CARRY OUT EXERCISE DURING VISIT USS TRIPPE TO PORT SUDAN IN EARLY JUNE. IF EXERCISE NOT POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO AT LEAST INITIATE WORKING LEVEL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US NAVY REPS AND OFFICERS OF SUDAN NAVY.

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH COOPERATION BETWEEN US AND SUDAN NAVIES WOULD BE WELCOMED BY SUDANESE AND CONSISTENT WITH CURRENT STATE US-SUDAN RELATIONS. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD ENHANCE VALUE TO SUDAN OF CMEF PRESENCE IN REGION WHICH IS IN US INTEREST. THEREFORE, EMBASSY SUPPORTS CMEF REQUEST, ALTHOUGH WE NOT SURE ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE IN TIME FOR TRIPPE VISIT PORT SUDAN.  
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3. DURING MEETING MAY 30 ON OTHER MATTERS, I ASKED MINDEF IF HE HAD ANY OBJECTIONS TO COOPERATION ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REFTELS. HE SAID HE HAD NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS TO LOW-KEY COOPERATION INVOLVING LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS AND SUCH. HE ASKED FOR LETTER OUTLINING OUR IDEAS WHICH COULD BE DIRECTED TO APPROPRIATE

OFFICERS IN HIS MINISTRY. MINDEF ALSO INDICATED HE  
HAD NO OBJECTION TO INITIATION INFORMAL CONTACTS  
BETWEEN CMEF OFFICERS AND SUDAN NAVY REPS IN PORT SUDAN.

4. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED: UNLESS DEPARTMENT  
OBJECTS BELIEVE CMEF CAN PROCEED WITH INFORMAL  
CONTACTS IN PORT SUDAN, BUT RECOMMEND THESE BE  
KEPT LOW KEY. IT POSSIBLE SUDAN NAVY REPS IN  
PORT SUDAN WILL NOT YET HAVE HEARD OF MY MEETING  
WITH MINDEF BY TIME MAJ STEWART IN PORT SUDAN FOR  
TRIPPE VISIT. IF TIME TOO SHORT TO IMPLEMENT  
PROPOSALS CONTAINED REFTELS, DURING TRIPPE VISIT,  
BELIEVE CMEF COULD PLAN ON DOING SO AT TIME NEXT  
PORT VISIT.  
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